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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

SIR:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please enter the following amendments.

In the Claims:

Please amend claim 7 and add new claims 12-15 as follows.

7. (Amended) A magnetic recording medium as defined in claim 1, wherein the magnetic layer has an h.c.p. structure and is oriented in (11.0) direction relative to the plane parallel with the substrate.

-- 12. (New) A magnetic recording medium as defined in claim 2, wherein the magnetic layer has an h.c.p. structure and is oriented in (11.0) direction relative to the plane parallel with the substrate. --

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-- 13. (New) A magnetic recording medium as defined in claim 3, wherein the magnetic layer has an h.c.p. structure and is oriented in (11.0) direction relative to the plane parallel with the substrate. --

-- 14. (New) A magnetic recording medium as defined in claim 4, wherein the magnetic layer has an h.c.p. structure and is oriented in (11.0) direction relative to the plane parallel with the substrate. --

-- 15. (New) A magnetic recording medium as defined in claim 5, wherein the magnetic layer has an h.c.p. structure and is oriented in (11.0) direction relative to the plane parallel with the substrate. --

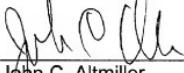
REMARKS

Claim 7 has been amended to delete the multiple dependency. New claims 12-15 were added to recover some of the matter thus deleted. No new matter has been added. Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to claim 7. The attached page is captioned "**Version with markings to show changes made.**"

Examination in light of the foregoing amendments is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (202) 220-4200 to discuss any information concerning this application.

The Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

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Claim 7 has been amended as follows:

7. A magnetic recording medium as defined in [any of claims 1 to 5] claim 1,
wherein the magnetic layer has an h.c.p._z structure and is oriented in (11.0) direction
relative to the plane parallel with the substrate.

New claims 12-15 were added as shown above.